



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

August 17, 2004

Dear Child Care Provider:

On April 8, 2004, the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) received a public disclosure request from the Services Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 925. They asked for the addresses and telephone numbers of unlicensed in-home child care providers paid through the Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) program.

We are sending this letter to you because our records show that you have been paid by WCCC. By law, DSHS cannot disclose names, addresses and phone numbers of DSHS clients. However, our records show your address is not the same as the WCCC client. Under Chapter 42.17 RCW, the Washington State Public Records Act, DSHS thus must comply with this request. We plan to give your home address and phone number to the SEIU.

It is DSHS practice to tell persons affected by this type of request. You have the right to seek a court order to stop release under WAC 388-01-140 and RCW 42.17.330. If the court finds that it would not be in the public interest and would harm you, they will order DSHS not to release the records. DSHS and the Office of the Attorney General will not represent you if you go to court.

If you get a court order, please send a copy to me by 5:00 PM on September 10, 2004. If we do not get one, we will release your phone number and address to the SEIU. Please note that if we get another request for the same information, we will not write to you again. If you have any questions, please contact me at (360) 725-4689.

Sincerely,

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